

**Congressman Travis Childers Votes to Restore Highway Trust Fund, Provide Relief from Energy Crisis**

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Washington, DC – Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) today voted in favor of H.R. 6532, legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the Highway Trust Fund balance and provide relief from the nation's energy crisis. H.R. 6532 passed in the House with overwhelming bipartisan support by a vote of 376-29.

The Highway Trust Fund relies on gas tax revenue. In the face of out-of-control fuel costs, Americans have cut back on driving and gas consumption, resulting in plummeting funds for necessary infrastructure repair throughout the country.

"The National Highway Trust Fund is vital to making critical infrastructure improvements to the national highway and interstate system. Mississippi's First Congressional District is dependent on the I-55, I-69, and designated I-22 interstate corridors for economic development," said Congressman Childers.

"Gas prices are negatively affecting average Mississippians on a daily basis, and have left our National Highway Trust Fund with insufficient resources to repair basic and necessary infrastructure across Mississippi and the United States. I am proud to have supported today's legislation to ensure the maintenance of highways, bridges, and other infrastructure."

In July, Congressman Childers voted for a transfer of \$8 million from other federal funds into the Highway Trust Fund.

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